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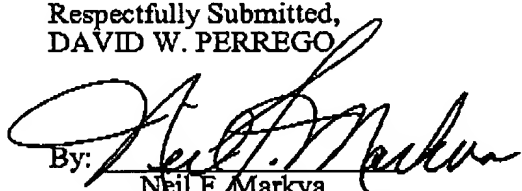
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Applicant hereby requests an extension of time to file a reply brief due January 1, 2006 for a period of one month until February 1, 2006. This request of an extension of time is timely filed within two (2) months of November 1, 2005. Please charge the requisite fee of \$60.00 pursuant 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) and any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 13-1720.

In a December 20, 2005 telephone conference with Stephen Cronin of Group Art Unit 3727, the procedure being followed to file this request for extension of time was confirmed.

Applicant timely filed a notice of appeal on October 16, 2003 and an appeal brief on January 15, 2004 along with a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.182 for the Director to review the examiner's October 30, 2003 refusal to enter Applicant's amendments made after final rejection because "they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search."

Applicant prepared his appeal brief without the benefit of knowing whether or not his

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previous amendments would be entered. On November 1, 2005 the examiner mailed *his answer in* which he raises numerous new issues in view of his application of the cited prior art with respect to Applicant's amendments entered after final rejection that more particularly point out and distinctly claim his invention under 35 U.S.C. § 112, and that further clarify the distinction of the claimed invention over the prior art references.

After a November 3, 2005 receipt and review of the examiner's answer, the undersigned sent a copy of the answer to Applicant on November 7, 2005 with a request to file a reply brief required to respond to the various new issues raised. Applicant has yet to respond despite subsequent requests for authorization to proceed. There is not enough time remaining in the two month period should the undersigned receive such authorization to analyze the new issues before the Board of Appeals and Interferences in this appeal and to prepare and timely file a reply brief in view of the Christmas and New Year holidays and the undersigned's full schedule of work to be timely done for other clients.

In view of the foregoing, granting of Applicant's request for an extension of time to file his reply brief in response to the examiner's answer is respectfully asked.

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